



# Documenting Citizenship and Identity for Alabama Medicaid

A new federal law was started on July 1, 2006. This new law changes the way you qualify for Medicaid. If you have Medicaid now or you are applying for Medicaid and have stated on your application that you are a U.S. citizen, then you will be asked to prove who you are and that you are a U.S. citizen or national. However, if you are enrolled in Medicare, receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or are not a U.S. citizen, then this law will not apply to you.

Take steps now to find the documents you need. You will need to send or bring the original documents (or certified copies) when you apply or at the time of your annual review.

The best way to show that you are a citizen and who you are is with one of these:

- ★ A U.S. passport, or
- ★ A certificate of naturalization or U.S. citizenship

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Document you are a citizen with:

- ★ Your birth certificate, or
- ★ A report or certification of birth abroad of a U.S. citizen, or
- ★ U.S. citizen identification card, or
- ★ Adoption papers, or
- ★ Military record (if it shows where you were born)

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Show who you are with:

- ★ Your picture on your current Alabama driver's license or Alabama identity card, or
- ★ School identification card or daycare records, or
- ★ A federal, state or local government identification card, or
- ★ A U.S. military identification card

\* Even if you don't have any of the documents listed, there are other ways to show Medicaid who you are and that you are a U.S. citizen. Be sure to tell Medicaid why you need to use another kind of document when you apply for Medicaid.

For help or to find out how you can get the documents listed above, call 1-800-362-1504 or visit [www.medicaid.alabama.gov](http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov)